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YUNNAN PROVINCIAL TROOPS REVOLT AGAINST GOV'T

Nationalist Officials Told To Quit Province

REBELS SEIZE AIRFIELD

A revolt against the Nationalist Government has occurred in Kunming, capital of China's South West Province of Yunnan, according to message received by the "China Mail" yesterday.

Disastrous Fire In Chungking; 1,000 Killed

Canton, September 4. The Chinese Central News Agency reported today that 1,000 persons had died in Chungking as that wartime capital in Western China was swept by the worst fire in its history.

Seven thousand dwellings were burned and more than 100,000 persons left homeless, it reported. The fire, which started on Friday afternoon, raged for 18 hours, it said. Its cause was unknown.

Hundreds of the victims sought escape from the flames by plunging into rivers, only to drown.

Central News said 616 charred bodies had been found thus far in ruined buildings.—Associated Press.

Increase In River Piracy

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, September 4. River piracy has reached such unprecedented heights that most towns have suspended service, while the security authorities are yet unable to cope with the outrage.

Extortion letters were received by delta towns and steamers on the Canton-Hong Kong run. One of the latest recipients is the Butterfield and Swire steamer Falshun which received the threat last week after she came out of annual overhaul.

The river bandits attempt to extort various amounts in a lump sum or in monthly instalments.

The waterway around Canton are so numerous that the navy and land garrison forces are helpless to do anything.

Passengers on river vessels patronize stowage accommodation under the impression that it is safer to travel in the lower part of the ship than on the better ventilated top deck. This is good protection against firing from shore, but bandits often lay mines.

Because of the river danger, more people are travelling on trains between Canton and Hong Kong.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) two typhoons, 650 miles SE of Tokyo and 570 miles S of Tokyo are moving NNW at 15 knots. A tropical depression at the Western end of the Philippine Archipelago, about 350 miles ESE of Hong Kong is moving W at 5-10 knots. From it a trough extends W and SW across the China Sea to Indo-China. Pressure remains high over NW China and in a ridge extending from the Yellow Sea to the Pacific E of Hokkaido.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E winds, freshening and backing, fair at first, becoming cloudy with rain developing later.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 84.9 deg. Feh. Minimum: 71.5 deg. Feh. Readings at: 10 a.m. 10 p.m. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—1471.6 mm.—57.94 in., as against an average of 1757.5 mm.—69.19 in. Readings at: 10 a.m. 10 p.m. Bar. at sea: 1008.9 1005.4 m.h. Humidity: 75% 75% Dew pt.: 75° 75° Wind direction: S by E S by E Wind velocity: 15-20 15-20 Wind force: 3-4 3-4 Tide—High 11:00 11:00 Low 5:00 5:00

Central Government personnel have been given 48 hours in which to quit the province and the airfield was last night reported to be in the hands of the rebels.

One CNAC plane on its way from Calcutta to Hong Kong was not allowed to land at Kunming. Other pilots who arrived earlier said that trouble brewing between the Peace Preservation Corps of which there are eight well-equipped regiments and the Nationalist 26th Army came to a head on Friday night.

Earlier the provincial troops bannering Nationalist troops from entering the city. Nationalist forces retaliated by refusing to allow provincial troops on the airfield.

On the eve of the coup d'etat, commanders of the eight regiments published a joint declaration announcing their anti-Central Government move. It is not known whether General Lu Han, Governor of Yunnan, has associated himself with the rebels.

In Hong Kong last night General Lung Yung, former Governor of Yunnan and cousin of Lu Han, released a letter which he addressed to "his and the Peoples' Political Council of the Province in August, encouraging them to deliver the people of Yunnan from the Nationalist yoke and free the people from oppression.

The statement which described the Chinese civil war as the Chinese People's Liberation Army's revolutionary war, pointed out that the foundation of the people's victory has already been won since the Chinese Communist's victory in the Huichow—Peupia area.

Reactionary Power

Calling Chiang Kai-shek's regime a "reactionary power which is nothing but a creation of the imperialists and feudalists," the statement said that the desperate struggle put up by Chiang will no doubt bring destruction and death to itself.

The statement further praised the freedom-loving spirit of the people of Yunnan. It stated that being a small part of China, Yunnan had contributed her part in the Chinese revolution which had overthrown the Manchu Dynasty.

It recalled the earlier days of the civil war in Manchuria when Provincial Yunnan troops were sent to the North East. By doing so, the statement went on, the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek regime hopes to force Yunnan to play her part in the suppression of internal disorder by imposing compulsory conscription and donations in kind.

However, this imperialistic system was on many occasions un-

Chinese Army Officer Held At Kai Tak

A Chinese army lieutenant-colonel who wore a badge indicating that he was a "guest" of the Nationalist Ministry of Defense in Taiwan was detained by the immigration office at the Kai Tak airport yesterday evening when he arrived from Canton by a CNAC aircraft.

The Chinese army officer whose name was not available was later turned over to the local agency of the CNAC for the night. He was told to leave the Colony in the morning.

According to the officer, he was told by an immigration officer that Chinese officers who were military uniforms are not permitted to enter the Colony without producing a permit from the Hong Kong Government.

Manstein War Crimes Trial



Former German Field Marshal Erich von Manstein, 61, appeared before a British military court at Hamburg, Germany charged with 17 war crimes relating to his activities in various German High Commands in Poland and Russia. Pistol-armed troops flanked the dock. Manstein wore a neat brown lounge suit with brown shirt. He had two pairs of spectacles which he exchanged from time to time. Photo shows Marshal Manstein striking his hair as he talks with his two German counsel. Left foreground Dr. Hans Latenser, and Dr. Paul Leverkuehn (back to camera). AP Photo.

Nationalists To Bring Case To United Nations

Canton, September 4.

The Chinese government will soon reach a decision on bringing its case before the United Nations, but as far as the United States-White Paper is concerned, it has decided to let the subject rest.

A high official source revealed that the advisability of taking the Nationalist case against Communism to the United Nations had not yet come formally before the Supreme Council, the Nationalists emergency ruling organ, but he said it will be brought up soon.

The translation of the more than 1,000-page White Paper into Chinese has been completed, and the first proofs are back from the printers for checking. Bound volumes of the full text will be available for all government officials.

But the decision has been made subject to possible change, to let it drop. Plans for a formal government reply have been dropped. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, however, is reported to be preparing his own personal defence against the White Paper allegations, and is expected to re-leave it soon after his return to Taipei from his continental tour.

To enter into a continued controversy with the United States State Department over what most Chinese officials felt was an error in State Department judgement and an incomplete presentation of facts would jeopardise China's position in the United Nations if it carries its case to either the Security Council or the General Assembly, in the view of most officials.

The government has devoted considerable time to a study of the White Paper and at one time had almost reached a decision to issue a formal rebuttal. It will be recalled that when Acting Foreign Minister George Yeh made the first official statement on the issue, he said that the government "at the proper time" would issue a statement.

Not that there was a lack of conviction or belief that large numbers could be punched in the White Paper and the logic of Mr. McMahon's "reactionary power" letter.

It was learned that the Communist reaction to the White Paper may have influenced some of the government leaders to let the issue rest. The Communists made a more violent attack on the United States than any figure in the Nationalist government.

Had the Reds sought to use the White Paper as propaganda material, they would have been disappointed. The Nationalists, then the government might have sought to make a more violent attack on the Communists. First revealed by the Chinese Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Wellington Koo, the desire to seek a solution at Lake Success is now official.

Brabazon's Maiden Flight

Filton, near Bristol, September 4.

The 130-ton giant aircraft, Brabazon 1, the largest civil land plane in the world, made a 27-minute maiden flight here today.

She took off at noon from a specially constructed runway and thousands of spectators cheered as the huge, cigar-shaped body of the aircraft rose from the ground. She travelled above the rest of the runway at a height of about 20 feet and 10 minutes later she was circling over Bristol and the villages of South Gloucestershire at a height estimated at 500 feet.

The roar of her engines as she took off could be heard two miles away.

Experts from 11 countries watched the take-off.—Reuter.

MacDonald's Discussions With SCAP

Tokyo, September 4.

The visit of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner for South East Asia, took on more importance today when an official British source told the United Press that Mr. MacDonald not only would receive a complete briefing on Japan from General MacArthur's experts but would give General MacArthur's experts a complete briefing on South East Asia.

The British source termed it a trade of information and a co-operation of effort to achieve mutual interests.

This was the first official indication that joint plans against Communist aggression would be discussed here, although informed quarters had speculated on this point.

Mr. MacDonald will get the complete picture that General MacArthur's experts had been giving visiting American officials. This includes talks by General MacArthur's section chiefs who make extensive use of prepared charts, maps and other elaborate equipment.—United Press.

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Reds Meet With Difficulties In Southern Drive

Shanghai, September 4.

The trickle of news from the South Central China Provinces of Hupeh and Hunan provinces hints that the Reds' drive along the Hankow-Canton railway is not going too well.

The Reds have been menacing Canton from the Kiangsi-Kwangtung border region, which is well South East of this area, but the drives into Kwangtung have been by irregulars.

There is some doubt whether these irregulars are capable of taking Canton even though backed up by General Liu Po-cheng's main force along the Kwangtung border so long as strong Nationalist forces hold flank positions along the railroad.

Recently, Nationalist General Pai Chung-hai, whose forces are based around Hengyang, recaptured several points in that vicinity. This indicates the Red drive South along the railroad has stalled.

Whether the bogging down of this drive from Hankow will delay the day of reckoning is yet to be answered. A captured Canton would be of limited use to the Communists as long as the Reds forces stayed outside the railway between Hankow and Canton.

The Reds had hoped to break or lessen the effect of the coastal blockade by capturing Canton and then routing essential commerce into Red China from Hong Kong to Canton and moving it North to the Yangtze via the Canton-Hankow railway.

Reds Confer

Describing events in the vast battle area of Hupeh and Hunan, where Red General Lin Piao's juggernaut rolled South after crushing the Yangtze at Hankow and then ground to a stop after taking Changsha, the Communist Liberation Daily said in a despatch from Hankow on Sunday: "Lin Pao has called Communist leaders to Hupeh to a conference to study the general situation. It was admitted some cities in South West Hupeh still are in Nationalist hands."

"In liberated areas, only the upper structure of the Kuomintang regime has been smashed. Armed bandits and secret agents still exist everywhere. Feudal forces still control the political, economic, military and ideological aspects in the villages. They are systematically engaged in armed resistance or sabotage. They are spreading rumours and refusing to pay taxes and causing social disturbances."

"The Communists decided on a long term plan to consolidate their position by screening those reactionaries who penetrate into the Communist camp, eliminating corruption among Communist officials and increase political vigilance."

This hints that Lin, here of the Manchurian campaign, has found a somewhat unco-operative countryside as he moved South of the Yangtze from Hankow.

It appears that resistance from the population, coupled with Pai Chung-hai's stand around Hengyang has, temporarily at least, taken the punch out of the Reds' forces—once rated as the strongest forces the Reds threw across the Yangtze.

Peasant Troubles

The Reds admit they have been having peasant troubles all the way from Manchuria

South. Taxes to keep the big military machine running, floods, food shortages and the burden of cities strangled by the blockade has put a terrible burden on the peasant.

And the peasant seems to be resorting to resistance tactics similar to those he employed against the Nationalists when the load got too heavy.

That phrase in the Liberation Daily's Hankow despatch about "eliminating corruption among Communist officials" is startling. If there is one characteristic among Red revolutionary leaders, which won them support, it was their vaunted incorruptibility. If their rigid official honesty is being thinned out by the vast conquest and the absorption of vast throngs of administrative officials who never went through the purifying filter of Yenan, a new and great problem is confronting the revolution. There is an axiom in China that revolutionaries are incorruptible at the beginning but usually are corrupted by success.—Associated Press.

Britain Cautions Greece

London, September 3.

Diplomatic quarters reported today that the Greek Government has been attempting any invasion of Albania in pursuit of rebel forces fleeing from Northern Greece.

The Greek Foreign Minister, Constantinos Tsaldaris, conferred with the Prime Minister, Clement Amalfi, at No. 10 Downing Street on Friday night. A Government spokesman denied that any suggestions that Greece should invade Albania to protect its Northern frontier were advanced during their conversation.

The British position was that it would prejudice the Greek case in the United Nations consideration of the dispute.

Earlier, British press reports claimed that Mr. Amalfi had cabled the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on board the Mauretania about disturbing developments in the Balkans following his conference with Mr. Tsaldaris.

The "Daily Graphic" contends that the Greek Government is having difficulty in restraining the General Staff from occupying a zone four miles deep into Albania to command the heights that would protect Greece against a possible return of the recently routed rebel army freshly equipped with Soviet arms.—United Press.

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Notice is hereby also given that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 24th day of August to the 6th day of September, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Mr. Tze To Lee (T. T. Lee) has this date, September 5th, 1940 terminated his services for our company, and all transaction of the said company shall be managed by Mr. K. S. Lau of Messrs. K. S. Lau & Co.

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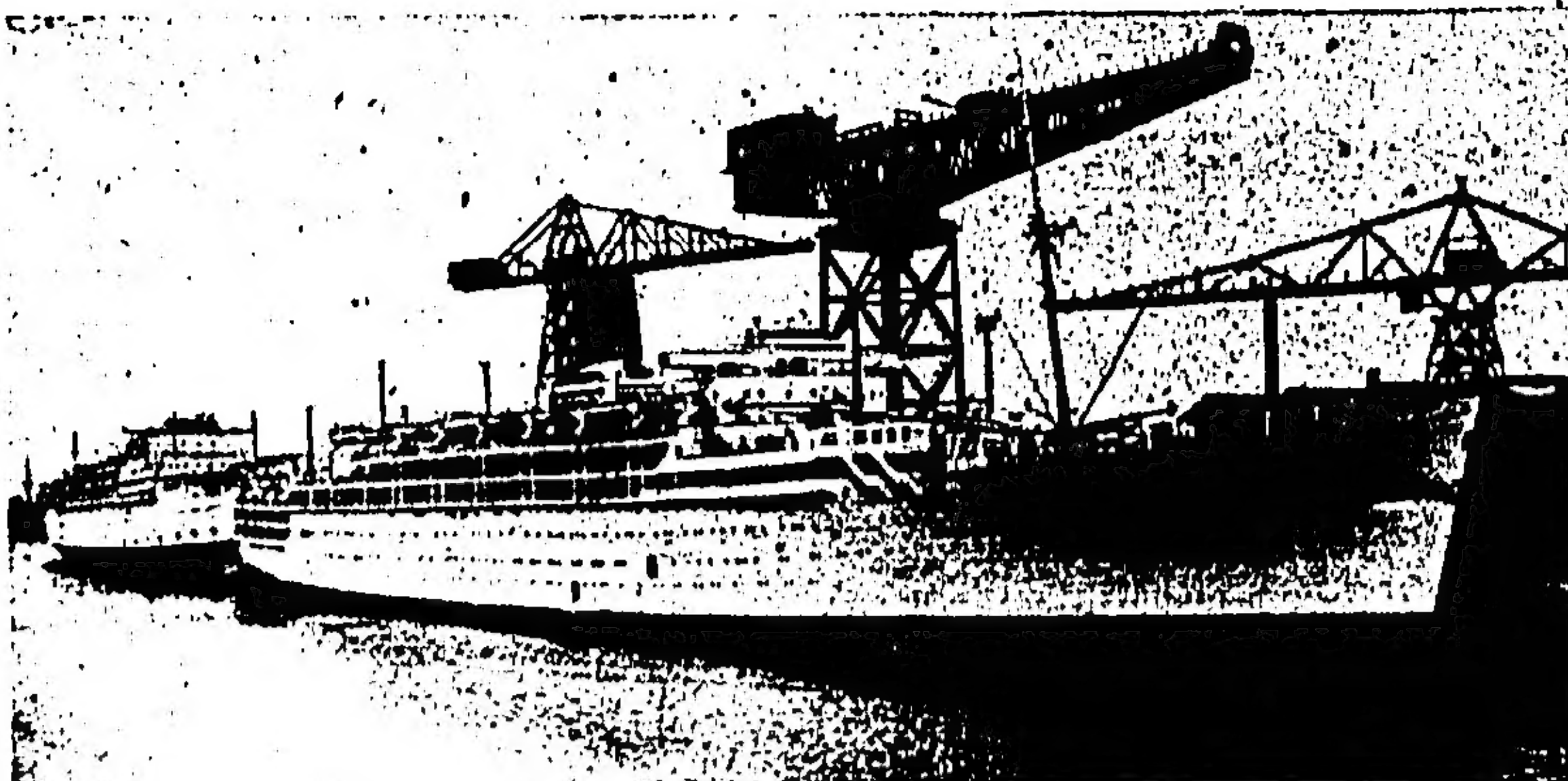
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Australian Paper Disagrees With SCAP Views On Japanese

Sydney, September 3.

The "Sunday Sun," today expressed disagreement with General MacArthur's anniversary statement that Japan has earned freedom, dignity and the right to a peace treaty.

The paper is to urge the appointment of a committee of experienced Australian observers to visit Japan and report their findings to the Australian people.

The editorial is entitled "We want the truth regarding Japan."

Scathingly referring to "MacArthur's claims to have performed a miracle in Japan," the editorial said: "In other words he said that in four years the Occupation forces have turned one of the tightest military states of the modern world into a peace-loving democracy."

"The Australians would like to think that the Japanese have been completely reconstructed, but find it hard to believe. This attitude of MacArthur's which suggests that the job of the Occupation forces has been almost accomplished is disturbing to Australians. We should be told the truth regarding Japan."

"It may be in the interest of America to publicise the success of their Occupation. America has put up dollars and it can be understood that America has done the job the way she wanted it done. But Australia is entitled to an accounting. It seems the time has come when the Commonwealth Government should appoint a panel of experienced observers to visit Japan and report their findings to the nation."

Too Uncritical

The Sydney Sunday Herald said: "General MacArthur's fulsome praise of the Japanese—praised on every anniversary of their surrender—leaves most of the Australians cold. No Australian would wish to appear ungrateful or grudging in relation to the achievements of SCAP in Japan."

"MacArthur is close to the Japanese; we in Australia are far away. It may be that distance—and memory—lend an excess of disenchantment to the view."

"All the same we would trust the General's judgment more if he appeared less uncritical of his former enemy protégés, if he showed some reserve in his estimates of their conversion, if he were not so ready to exchange the role of an Allied watchdog for that of demi-dog."

Misconceptions

"Can he really believe that four years of pacification and democratic indoctrination have turned a feudalistic Japan into a bulwark of peace and freedom? We would like to believe it but we do not dare."

"To suppose that the Japanese have learned nothing from defeat that they are incapable of political reformation, would be despair of the future in the Pacific. But credulity and cynicism are extremes equally to be avoided."

"It is not General MacArthur's policies that are disputed; these have been soundly conceived and ably applied. But we do want to be sure that misconceptions regarding the degree of Japan's conversion do not lead to a premature relaxation of safeguards against military resurgence."

United Press.

Most Critical Hour In World History

Caux, September 3.

Georges Berrier of the French Government Board of Education told delegates to the Moral Rearmament Conference today: "This is one of the most critical hours in world history. The world must choose between new offers and the atom bomb with its consequences of destruction."

He said he is going back to France to spread the doctrine of moral rearmament. Additional delegates arrived today for the plenary sessions of the World Assembly of Moral Rearmament. They were greeted by songs in their native languages, followed by choruses from eight countries, including the United States.

United Press.

Civilian Governor For Guam

Washington, September 3.

President Truman today named Mr. Carlton Skinner, 30-year-old former journalist, as first civilian governor of Guam, one of America's biggest air and naval bases in the Pacific.

The White House said that the appointment was part of the President's programme according civil government and a full measure of civil rights to the inhabitants of the Pacific Islands under the jurisdiction of the United States.

Mr. Skinner, now serving as special assistant to Mr. J. A. Krug, Secretary of the Interior, will succeed Rear-Admiral C. A. Powhall in Guam.

The island, said to have been discovered by Magellan in 1521, was ceded by Spain to the United States by the Treaty of Paris in 1898.

It was captured by the Japanese in 1941 and retaken by the Americans nearly three years later.—Reuter.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE VATICAN

Brussels, September 3.

A party of 200 Catholic workers from all parts of Belgium will leave here tomorrow on a pilgrimage to Vatican City.

Headed by two Cabinet Ministers, Mr. Oscar Beuno, Labour, and Mr. Paul Seters, Communications, they will present the Pope with a diamond-studded miners map—a gift from mining workers. Other gifts include a cheque for \$25,000 Belgian francs for the funds of Vatican Radio.—Reuter.

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S K 8 8
H 10 8 7 5
D J 5 2
C A J 10
S A 7 2
H 8 2
D A Q 7 4
C 9 7 4

S Q 10 5 1
H 8 4 3
D 10 6
C K Q 8 3
(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable.)

West North East South
1. 1 H Pass 2 D Pass
3 D Pass 5 D
2. 1 H Pass 2 D Pass
3 D Pass 3 NT

Where East tried for game in diamonds, as at Table 1, he was one down before he received a chance to strike a lick for himself. South's club lead was vertaken by the A, the J scored, he 10 overtaken by the Q and here were only ten tricks left for poor East, who needed eleven. Play began exactly the same

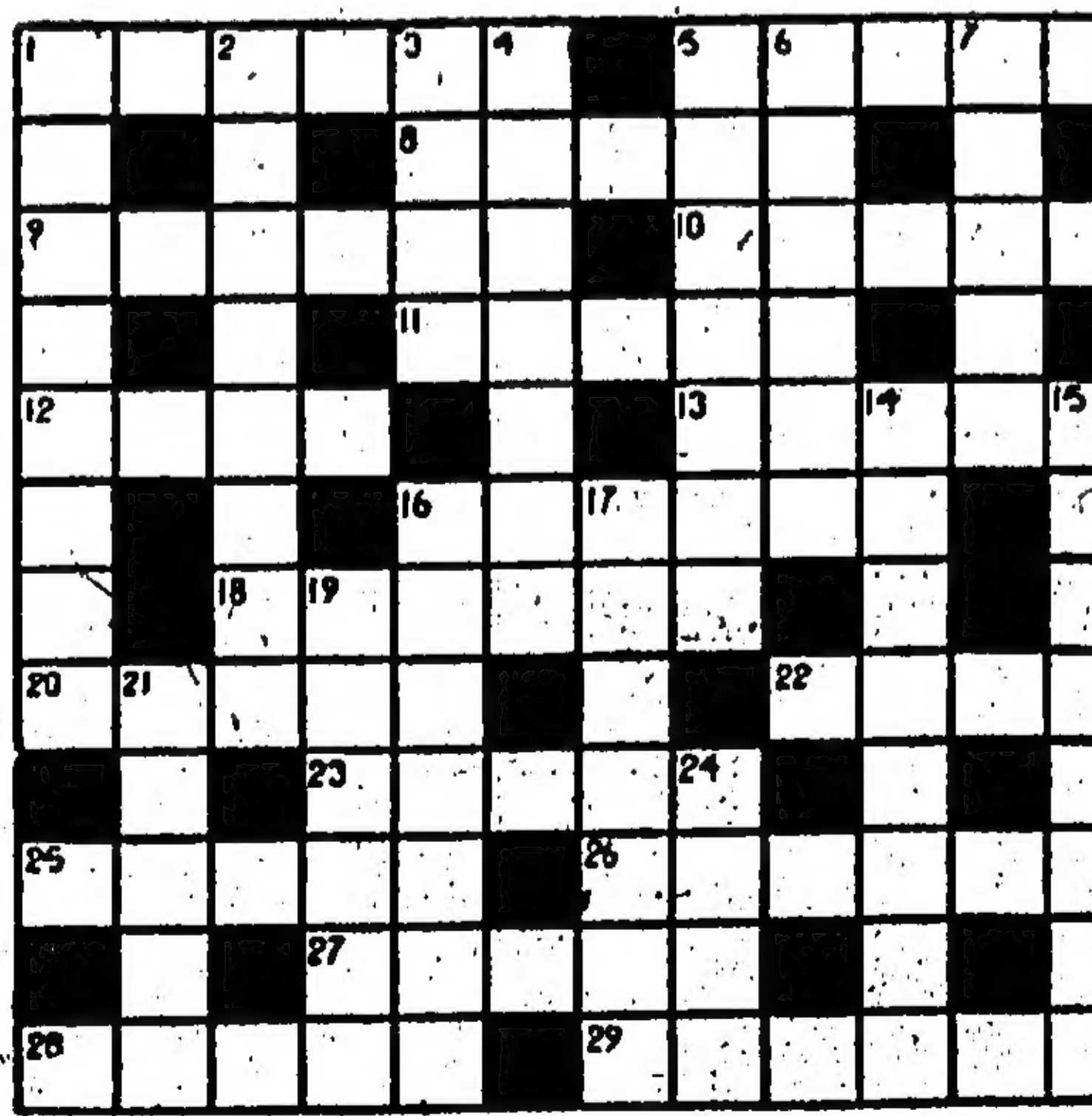
way at Table 2, except that South also scored the club 9 for a fourth trick before East got in. There were nine tricks left for him to take, however, and nine were all he required for his game in the No Trump contract, no problem at all since he had ten rapid trick-takers.

East's bid of No Trumps at Table 2 was of the type made frequently by high-ranking players. It was based on two factors. First, West's willingness to lift the contract to three in the minor suit indicated a pretty fair hand which might contain a club stopper. Second, if either opponent had held a fair hand with a five-card suit in the unopened clubs, there would have been a chance that a not-vulnerable overall would be made. Hence, it was probable neither had five. Furthermore, even if one of them did, the opening lead might be a spade, also unbid, in which East had the ace.

Tomorrow's Problem
S A Q
H K Q J 4
D A J 10 8 8 2
C 10
S J 10 5
H 7
D 6 5 3
C Q J 8 6
5 3

S 9 8
H A 9 6 5 3
D Q 4
C K 7 2
(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable.)
If East misreads the diamond 3 lead as a singleton, wins with the K when dummy plays low, and returns a diamond, how can South make his 8-Hearts?

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Across

1 Part of the 16 Venerate.
4 Fox 18 Wore away.
5 Swain. 20 Tears.
3 Sudden 22 Flat plate.
terror. 23 Factions.
9 Weaken. 25 Finger.
10 Harmonious 26 Extreme.
sound. 27 Gaze.
11 Carp. 28 Express.
12 Skilful. 29 Live coals.
13 Savour.

Down

1 Apes. 14 Musical interval.
2 Provided. 15 Beholds.
3 Tale of 16 Favour.
4 Showed off 17 Darp.
5 Restricted. 19 Oppose.
6 Visual. 21 Fool.
7 Oust. 24 Check.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Torpor. 6 Plump. 11 Unlaid. 12 Molate. 14 Feature. 15 Accords. 16 Saloon. 17 Flat. 18 Erred. 19 Obeys. 20 Dram. 21 Editor. 22 Rite. 23 Shed.
DOWN—1 Turn. 2 Rays. 3 Oval. 4 Refort. 5 Plunder. 6 Uplift. 7 Preside. 8 Katty. 9 18. 10 Veal. 11 Repeat. 12 Unlaid. 13 Molate. 14 Feature. 15 Accords. 16 Saloon. 17 Flat. 18 Erred. 19 Obeys. 20 Dram. 21 Editor. 22 Rite. 23 Shed.

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POPE'S APPEAL TO POLISH CATHOLICS

Castel Gandolfo, September 3.

Pope Pius XII today appealed to Poland's 20,000,000 Catholics to defend Christ and the Church with all their might.

He addressed a letter to Polish Bishops urging bold action and condemned violations of religious rights by the Polish State.

The letter was sent on the 10th anniversary of the German invasion of Poland and the start of the second world war. It was published today in "Osservatore Romano," the Vatican newspaper.

The Pope listed outrages against the Church in Poland, given rise to speculation that the Communists may have launched an all-out effort to destroy Catholicism's powerful hold there.

Poland, more than 90 per cent Catholic, has been spared many of the harsher Communist blows dealt against the Church in other iron curtain countries.

The Pope said Poland did not regain its freedom with the end of the war. Instead, he declared, the practice of religious life has been made even more difficult.

The Pope praised Polish priests for their firm resistance. In the four years since the war, he added, their unyielding charity towards God and country has been in no way lessened or extinguished.

The Pope said: "The resistance of the Polish faithful is proved by those who fell in the fight for Christ. It is witnessed by the expatriates of not a few Bishops from their sees and by the many priests thrown in prison."

Recriminations
Licking recent blows against the Church in Poland, the Pontiff said: "Virtually all Catholic associations have been suppressed, religious teaching in the schools has been impeded, the free growth of religious or clerical institutes has been forbidden."

He added: "The Catholic religion has been made the object of incriminations and of contemptuous treatment, its writings have been increasingly obstructed by censorship; religious assistance to prisoners and to the sick in jail has been denied."

Most British newspapers carried anniversary editorials recalling Britain's declaration of war against Germany on this day 10 years ago. It was a Sunday then.

Today, Saturday, millions basked in the sun, watched soccer and cricket matches, lazed in river punts or just worked in the garden while the London "Evening News," Britain's largest circulation evening newspaper, observed: "Each knows that, imperfect and muddled as today is, it is consummately worth the decision of September 3, 1939."

Sign of Nobility
"This is the merit and the sign of nobility of the Polish to act strenuously, to suffer strongly, to hope invincibly, to reach the high goals."

COLUMBUS WAS NOT FIRST

London, September 3.

Ancient Egyptians crossed the Atlantic to discover the Americas possibly thousands of centuries before Christopher Columbus, according to the Oxford University anthropologist, P. L. Collignon.

In a report to the Atlantic research centre, Collignon collected data which suggested that Egyptian voyages to the West started about 20,000 years ago.

"It might well be asked how did these ancient Egyptians manage to cross the Atlantic, but it must not be forgotten, that the Atlantic ocean in remote times was not the same as it is now. The voyage across the Atlantic may have been much easier in those days when the whole of the Atlantic had not disappeared."

In his thesis, Mr. Collignon draws attention to the physical resemblance today between the Basques in Southern Spain and many Indian types in South America and even certain type of Japanese. It is known, he said, that the Basques are of ancient Egyptian origin.

In substantiation of his thesis, Collignon cites a number of research reports by prominent international anthropologists and emphasizes particularly the relationship between the names of places in South America and Egypt today.—United Press.

Higher Standard Of Education

London, September 3.

More than twice as many youths of 18 today have passed Higher School certificate examinations than was the case 10 years ago.

This was stated in today's issue of "Education" (official journal of the Association of Local Education Authorities) in reply to recent statements by Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who said there was something wrong with the education system "or we should not be getting 2,000 chaps in the Army a year who cannot sign their names."

"Education" calculated that 2,000 illiterate Army recruits indicated a proportion of illiteracy of one per cent of the 18 age group and claimed that the education system should be congratulated on this, not criticised.

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Malnutrition Among Europe Immigrants

Melbourne, September 3.

Twelve babies of recently arrived European immigrants have died in the past six weeks from malnutrition, hospital authorities announced today at Albury, on the New South Wales-Victoria state border.

The twelfth death occurred today, the hospital staff said, adding that the children were all aged between one and two.

They said that 25 other migrant children of about the same age are gravely ill at a camp near Albury, where European migrants are being adjusted to Australian conditions.

The Albury Hospital Board Chairman, Mr. J. C. King, said that in his opinion the children had not had good food since they were born.

"No blame can be placed on the camp officials as the children were so weak when they arrived in Australia that not much could be done for them," he added.

"They were sent to us in a dying condition. We called a special meeting of the Board during the week and wrote to the Federal Health authorities, calling their attention to the position."

"We have compiled a full report and are advising investigation on ships bringing migrants out."

An Australian Government spokesman said that the malnutrition was undoubtedly caused by conditions under which the dead children and parents had had to live in Germany or Austria before coming to Australia. The children had received the best medical attention possible since their arrival in Australia, he said.

The spokesman added that the Commonwealth Health and Immigration authorities would investigate the deaths.—Reuter.

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Psychologist Gives A Tip To Lovers

Newcastle-on-Tyne, September 3.

A psychologist gave a tip about the best place for summer sweethearts.

"A trip of wild natural land along the river should be regarded as the natural place for summer courtships," said Dr. Dennis Champam, addressing the psychology section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.—Associated Press.

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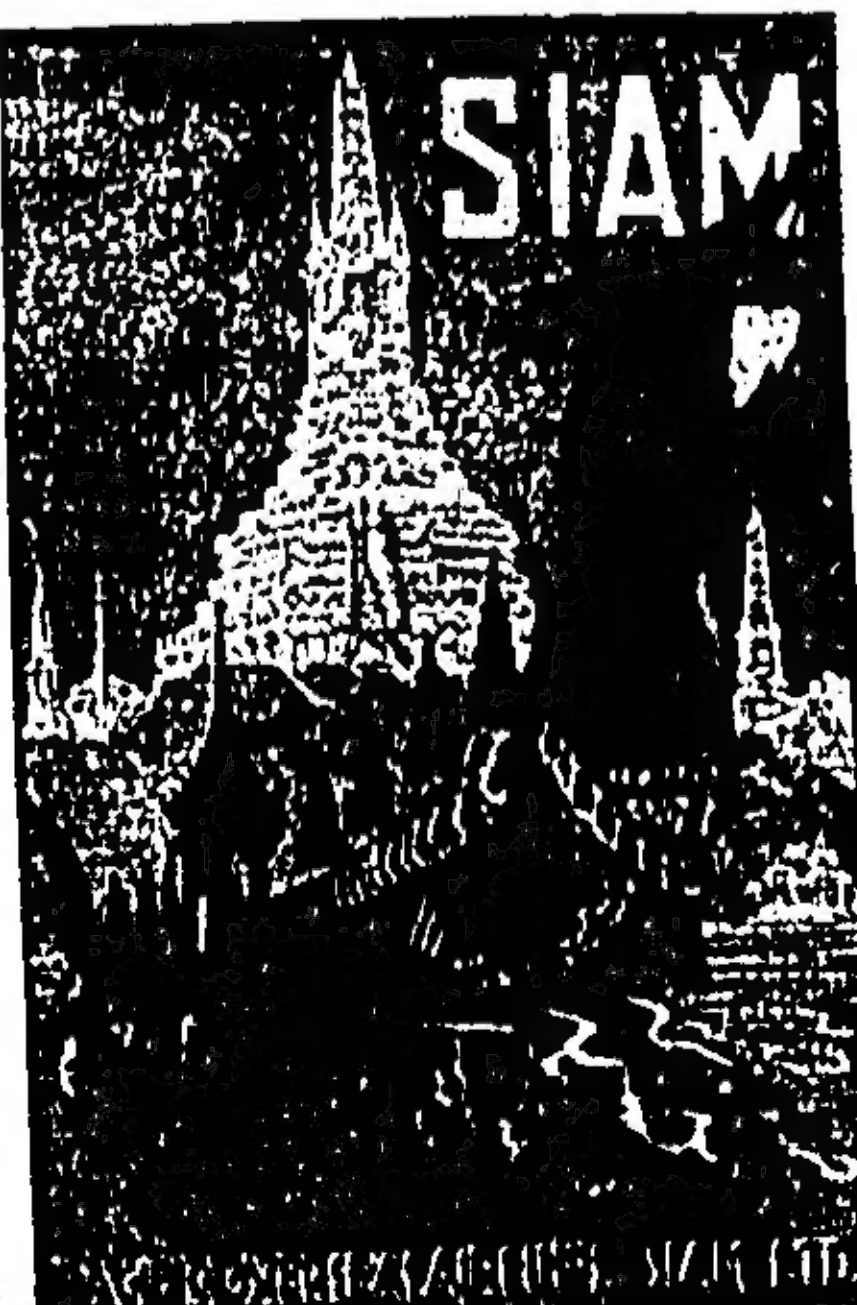
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TITO VS. STALIN

Cables from Belgrade yesterday claiming to note an easing of the tension between Marshal Tito and Soviet Russia—founded apparently on the cessation of attacks on the Cominform in the Yugoslav official newspaper—were belied by another fiery outburst in the official Moscow newspaper "Pravda," which said, inter alia, that the Tito regime would not exist for much longer. The bad relations which have existed between the Yugoslav and Russian Governments—and given an alarming twist by recent Russian troop movements—can only be exacerbated by Russian press attacks of this nature, and, if Marshal Tito hopes to calm the troubled waters by gagging his own editorial writers, the attempt would seem to be doomed at the start. The rift between Stalin and Tito appears to be complete.

Moscow accuses Marshal Tito and his colleagues of conducting themselves "not as an ally, but as an opponent of the Russian Government." Henceforth, the Kremlin says, Russia will not "support the Yugoslav Government's claims, especially those claims which it has renounced, although it conceals its renunciation from the peoples of Yugoslavia." Here the reference is to territorial claims on Austria which, according to Moscow, the Yugoslav Government has already bargained away to the Western Powers, but which it continues hypocritically to press.

This curious and interesting development has an important bearing on the European situation. It has, for instance, already led Marshal Tito to announce the sealing of the Yugoslav frontier with Greece. Whatever enthusiasm he once had for the cause of the Greek Communists will not have survived their espousal of a Greater Macedonia policy and the prospect their victory would present of yet another Cominform satellite for a neighbour. Again, the economic blockade of Yugoslavia, which Moscow has decreed, forces Marshal Tito to look westwards for essential credits and supplies of industrial products and raw materials. He has sounded out the International Bank for a loan. Indeed, strident and ill-informed accusations from Moscow that has sold his Socialist birthright for a mess of capitalist-imperialist potage are forcing him step by step into a policy of seeking an accommodation with the West.

This, from the point of view of the Western Powers, is highly advantageous in that it involves a serious weakening of the Russian Bloc. They should take full advantage of it in exactly the same way that they did of General Franco's estrangement from the Axis during the war against the Nazis. The West, while holding no brief for the political philosophy for which Marshal Tito stands, can strike a shrewd blow in the cold war with the East by limited support of Marshal Tito in his duel with Stalin.

Backdrop For The Dollar Talks

By RALPH IZZARD

One of the main tasks of the Personal Assistant of a Senator—part from writing most of his speeches—is to deal with his mail.

Now the Personal Assistant to a prominent Senator told me that the "dollar talks" among all the thousands of letters he and a number of his colleagues have sorted in recent weeks they have not found a single one written in support of either the Atlantic Pact or the Military Assistance Programme for Europe.

They put this down not so much to opposition as to public apathy. The same apathy undoubtedly exists over Britain's dollar shortage and the coming dollar talks.

The first thing, therefore, that Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Bevin, and those who wish us well will have to do is to overcome this inertia and produce a workable plan capable of striking even a slight spark of enthusiasm.

Sell The Plan

The next and far harder task will be to "sell" this plan to Congress—now in a pinch-penny mood and increasingly jealous of American business interests.

At the moment it is difficult to be anything but pessimistic about the outcome of the talks. Neither Britain nor America has yet produced a proposal for the solution of our crisis which does not appear highly unrealistic to the other.

There is no reason to believe that Congress is willing to spare us a dime, either directly or indirectly, beyond the aid we are already receiving. Additionally, we are getting some very bad publicity, some of it frankly malicious.

It is being commonly stated that Britain, having failed to secure any change from Mr. John Snyder during the recent London talks, is cunningly and deliberately sending Mr. Bevin with Sir Stafford in order to bring in Mr. Dean Acheson, who we, supposedly, feel will be more sympathetic to our cause.

The "Wall Street Journal" has been widely publicising its belief that Sir Stafford intends to place the blame for the United Kingdom's trade troubles on America, and will arrive with a trunkload of complaints indicating his disapproval of the American recession, tariffs, rules for rubber purchases, shipping subsidies, and the price of gold.

Blame On You

The "Journal's" Washington Correspondent alleges that in order to defeat this "you're to blame" strategy Mr. Snyder and his experts are coaching them following the American recession, which are presumed to be on the agenda for the talks.

"How much" has the business recession in the U.S. had to do with the drop in Britain's exports? "Will this recession end soon or get worse?" "Will the United States agree to stabilise the market for raw materials in the future by making new price-fixing deals like the World Wheat Agreement?" "Would Britain's trade be helped if the United States were to raise its 35 dollar per ounce price on gold?"

"How about bigger investments, private or public, in British colonial projects?" According to my information we suggest such things as "all exhaustive examination into the circumstances leading up to the present dollar shortage" or "an exploration of fields of possible common agreement."

Need Is Boldness

There is nothing bold, daring, or imaginative about our attitude, and it is originality of approach which is most needed now.

The only original suggestion I have heard recently—and I do not know whether it is on the agenda—is the possibility of the United States accepting responsibility for Britain's deficit sterling balances with India, Pakistan, Persia, and Egypt.

This money was paid out by us to those countries to save them from Japanese or German invasion. Some experts here seem prepared to accept the view that the money was therefore spent in the interests of the United States.

Whether or not Congress would accept this view is another matter, but should they do so the whole of Britain's export picture would change overnight. There can be no harm in trying.

INSIDE STORY OF THE BALKAN "COLD WAR"

By KEITH BUTLER

The Balkan trouble-brew is simmering. While Moscow steadily extends its squeeze on Yugoslavia, Tito has by no means lost his nerve. He, too, knows a bit of political jiu-jitsu.

Most observers are by now convinced that Russia is not prepared to risk an open invasion of Yugoslavia in order to eliminate Tito. Apart from the fact that once a war is started no one can tell where it will end or whom it will involve—least of all in the Balkans—there are several other good reasons why the Kremlin will not take the responsibility for military operations against the Yugoslav frontiers.

The Russians have not forgotten the fiasco of their invasion of Finland in 1940, when a Baltic "Army" stood up for months successfully against a Russian "Golliath." And Tito has a comparatively strong, well-trained, well-equipped, disciplined army. Worse still, there are already serious cracks in the Cominform front. In Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and other satellite states there is simmering discontent. In some areas open revolt has broken out spasmodically. There are known to be growing anti-Russian movements inside some of the Cominform countries.

There are signs that the Cominform plans to turn the Greek guerrillas into an anti-Tito movement backing the guerrilla movement created inside Yugoslavia.

Why National Service Just Doesn't Work

By SELBY BRADFORD

The first batch of National Service men, called up under the Act of that name, are due to leave the Army today. He says: "It's typical of Army leave and rest centres. Beautiful chalets for married families, or shared by two and three or four of your chums. Wizard food and lovely surroundings."

"No," he reiterates. "No—save for minor points I've talked to you about, sir, everything is done for the soldier out here that could be done."

And 6ft tall Corporal Steele of the Royal Horse Guards is none the less going out of the Army in three weeks' time with a song in his heart. Alas, from the Army's point of view he is not the only one who is going! The number of Regular soldiers, experienced NCO's, war-weary officers who are not taking on for 21 years' service or who are considering resigning, their commissions is becoming alarming.

Everyone of these men has his own solution for the problem. Not unnaturally, most of them are basically the same. I will try to record them for you shortly.

It is emphatically true that National Service as organised today does not work.

It makes the Regular Army nothing but a gigantic training machine.

It lowers to a dangerous standard the efficiency of all units.

It discourages Regular recruiting. The potential Regular soldier says: "I won't enlist. I'll wait for the National Service."

He is called up, together with a batch of unwilling victims, and, listening to their "blows," he, too, becomes unsettled. Gradually—unless he is a born soldier—he becomes disoriented. Eventually he decides that "the Army is not for me."

One National Service man due to leave the Army in three weeks' time is Corporal H. Steele, of the Royal Horse Guards. To have placed him automatically on a very high standard.

Talking to him gives one a clear insight into the often unspoken mind of all his kindred.

High Naafi Prices

He has few grouses. Except the main one out here—the high prices charged by Naafi. Three half-pence for a small cup of tea and 3d. or 4d. for a cake is a lot out of a soldier's pay packet.

And prices of everything in Naafi have gone up during the past few months. Moreover, Naafi tends to be the Soldiers' Club—the place where one and all foregather after parades are over.

Naafi, incidentally, says that this is the first rise in prices since pre-war days and that it was economically impossible to prevent it.

Corporal Steele regrets the fact that soldiers—other than officers—were not allowed to wear civilian clothes in Germany.

It did not apply in his case; but he stressed the National Service man's second grievance—"Leave."

A "Conscript" now must have served eight months in Germany before he gets leave home to England. After four months out here he undoubtedly needs a break.

Big Army School To Teach War

He should be able to escape home from surviving which from his viewpoint, make Germany nothing but a vast school—teaching him the Art of War—which, in point of fact, he has no desire to learn.

Being a fair, there are many sound reasons against both these two complaints. Certainly on the leave issue training would become almost impossible and an "overall" low standard of efficiency would be reached throughout the whole Army of the Rhine.

Steel is quite open on his reasons for not continuing as a soldier.

"I just don't like it sufficiently," he says. "I think the root cause is the complete lack of freedom."

"You can say what you like, but a soldier is a soldier for 24 hours a day—and for 365 days a year. To my mind, the rewards are not adequate."

Like Holiday Camp?

Of Service conditions out here Steele is representative of practically every soldier.

It might need only the successful resistance of Tito—even for a few months—to the Red Army, to give these anti-Russian elements in the satellite states the necessary courage to come out in stronger opposition to their Communist regimes and Moscow's domination.

Knows Too Well

This is what the Kremlin knows all too well. And this is why it is doubtful if there will be any open Russian military effort to crush Tito.

Instead the Kremlin is using another favourite weapon, well known to the Greeks. Russian agents are active inside Yugoslavia trying to build up an anti-Tito guerrilla movement among the minorities there.

Inside the Yugoslav borders the racial minorities include some 1,000,000 Slav-speaking "Macedonians" and about 700,000 Albanians. Kremlin agents are working on these. They hope a guerrilla movement can be formed to destroy Tito and pull Yugoslavia back firmly into the Cominform fold.

There are signs that the Cominform plans to turn the Greek guerrillas into an anti-Tito movement backing the guerrilla movement created inside Yugoslavia.

For many months Russia has been pouring arms and all types of military supplies into Albania. Even heavy artillery, tanks and aircraft have been sent, according to reports reaching Athens.

Some 10,000 Russian officers and experts are reported to be in Albania supervising the preparations and advising the Albanian and Greek Guerrilla General Staffs. The Albanian action in the Adriatic Sea have been fortified under Russian control.

It Tito succeeds in stirring up a rebellion inside Albania against the Russian domination there it will be a serious blow at Russian preparations for a double-pronged guerrilla attack on Tito. Meanwhile Tito is reported to have concentrated strong forces in South East Yugoslavia where the other guerrilla attack might be launched. And he has closed his border to the Greek guerrillas so as to cover that point of possible infiltration.

Meanwhile inside the Greek guerrilla ranks Tito's agents have also been active and have succeeded in persuading hundreds of "Slav-Macedonians" to desert from the Vitsi mountain stronghold of the Greek guerrillas on the Yugoslav border and cross to join the new "Macedonian Republic" set up with capital at Skopje in Yugoslavia under Tito's protection.

He has won over to his support the very element that was to be launched against him.

Thus far in the battle of nerves, wits, minorities and gold, Tito has the lead over the Cominform.

The big question for the future will be when the Kremlin tightens its squeeze on Yugoslavia. This is a struggle it must win for its whole prestige inside the Iron Curtain is at stake. What will the Western Powers do if and when Tito appeals to them for more specific aid to escape the Russian Bear's hug?

Red Mark On All The Calendars

In the meanwhile the vast military organisation of the Rhine Army grows ponderously on the backs of tens of thousands of National Service men.

All of whom, incidentally, are looking at a calendar on which a date is marked with a red cross of exaltation. It is "Demob" Day.

Britons Stranded In Aden

Aden, September 3.

The 14,000-ton British liner Largs Bay, which put in here a week ago after a fire in one of her holds, may soon resume her voyage to Australia with her 650 passengers, including 230 assisted British emigrants.

Meanwhile, 126 of the passengers are still in the Sheba camp here today, awaiting return to the ship where their cabins, near the seat of the fire, are being cleaned.

Royal Air Force men have done wonders making this disused hutment camp comfortable, and men from the ship have been daily bringing meals.

The 126 include 12 young children.

The people of Aden have rallied to the assistance of the mothers, helping with gifts of cool clothing, so necessary in Aden's hottest season, few of the passengers having sufficient in their possession for so long a stay.

A nursing sister from County Cork, who is one of the passengers, has been working hard keeping up morale in the camp.

A few cases of sickness are being cared for at the R.A.F. hospital.

The owners of the ship have arranged additional amenities to make life on board more comfortable. Rehearsal.

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I am in a position to refute the week-end rumours that Macata San has decided to inform the Allies about Allied plans for the future of Japan.

In Paris, a gentleman received a pretty smile from an assistant in a jewellery store. Courteously he raised his hat—and a number of rings fell from it.

Thus, the proposition he had possibly been considering ended with a sentence.

The best way to make these high prices fall is to stop falling for them.

A somewhat forlorn returnee remarks that the speed of the jet plane is slow compared with the passing of the last week of one's leave.

An English lawyer says that high as they are, there can be no evading the payment of death duties.

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In naval circles they are telling the story of the commander-in-chief who is said to have missed his footing on the admiral's barge and fallen into the harbour.

From a neighbouring ship came the signal: "To C-in-C-in-C."

"Marriage."

"What, Watt. On September 11, at the cathedral."

And Who's Who?

From America, as you might imagine, comes the tale of the two women, broke and hungry, who walked into a restaurant, and announced they were steak inspectors from the Health Department.

They ate four steaks apiece before declaring them "up to standard."

An overseas newspaper recently published a photograph of a new-style hat featuring built-in pockets. The first order for the hats came from a nudist colony.

A covering letter said that the idea solved a problem that had been worrying nudists for years.

A gang of housebreakers blew the door of a safe through the roof, and got nothing for their efforts.

And did they hit the roof...

A woman interviewing a prospective maid asked, "How quick are you 'nt your work?"

"Well ma'am," replied the prospect, "at my last place I had the breakfast dishes all done, and the beds made, before the family were up."

"Dad, what does it take to be a millionaire?" asked the young questioner of the family.

"Well," replied his old man, "prices and inflation considered, it would take about three million dollars."



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European Delegation Mission To America Plan For Preferential Areas For Trade REDUCTION IN TARIFFS

Strasbourg, September 3.

European representatives today called for American aid in building an economic union embracing member states of the European Council with special links to the British Commonwealth and other overseas dependencies.

In a swift-moving finale to its discussion of economic issues, the European Consultative Assembly took these and other decisions in a series of votes on a show of hands which, in nearly every case, was overwhelming. The Assembly President, Paul Henri Spaak, did not announce the tally on any ballot. In most of them it was unnecessary.

Overriding objections from the British Labour representatives, the Assembly adopted the recommendation from its Economic Committee that the Council send a delegation to Washington on a twofold mission.

SAAR TO PRESENT ITS CASE

Strasbourg, September 3. Saarland President Johannes Hoffman stated here today that the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, had authorized him to publicize the Saar's case for admission to the Council of Europe.

The Saar, now politically independent of Germany, is guided by France in defence and foreign policies.

Mr. Hoffman had talks with the French Minister last night after Mr. Schuman had told correspondents that the Saar candidature for the Council of Europe presents no difficulties.

A proposal for a "European University" was one of the ideas in a report presented to the European Consultative Assembly today.

The report, by the 18-member committee on cultural and scientific questions, made no distinction between the preparation of a series of impartial books on geography and history of European countries.

The ministers of education should be called into the conference to draw up the plan.

—Reuter.

Brabazon Moves Under Own Power

Bristol, September 3.

The 130-ton Brabazon, one of the biggest airliners in the world, moved under its own power for the first time today—in a series of testing runs.

Test pilot Bill Pegg guided the monster up and down a mile and a half of runway at 10 miles an hour five times, while a team of nine technicians studied its 1,000 instrument dials.

Thousands of spectators on a nearby golf course cheered when the eight engines roared to life for the tests.

Soon, perhaps early next week, Pegg hopes to take the experimental giant on its first flight.

The Brabazon has a wing span of 230 feet, a fuselage length of 177 feet and a rudder which towers 50 feet from the ground.

It will never go into commercial service but a new Brabazon II, of which it is the prototype, is expected to carry 100 passengers for British Overseas Airways non-stop from London to New York.

The Brabazon I has been under construction since 1935. It is expected to fly 250 miles an hour at 25,000 feet.

The Brabazon II is designed to fly 350 miles an hour at 35,000 feet.

It will have sleeping berths, a large dining room, lounges, a cocktail bar and a cinema.

—Associated Press.

Allocations Of Rice To Be Stopped

Washington, September 3. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations announced today that international allocations of rice will be discontinued on December 31.

It was the one remaining agricultural product under international allocation. The decision to remove the final bans was recommended yesterday by the FAO's Committee on rice composed of members from 18 governments.

The Committee reviewed factors likely to affect international trade in rice in 1950 and decided it would not be feasible to develop allocation recommendations based on relative needs. This was the basic principle which guided determination of allocations.

—Associated Press.

Labour Asks For A Truce

London, September 3.

A Member of the Labour Government appealed openly to the Conservatives today for a political truce until the Anglo-American dollar talks have ended.

"Our representatives in Washington must not be hampered by political bickering at home," said the War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell.

"They should receive every encouragement because the issues are much wider than our political differences would suggest."

"On the progress made at Washington depends not only the fate of this country, but maybe of Europe and the whole world. It may mean the difference between peace and war."

"That is why there must be no stalling in the back."

Mr. Shinwell spoke at a Labour Party meeting in Easington. Meanwhile, a leading member of the opposition was laying down exactly the kind of blistering attack on the Attlee Government which Mr. Shinwell was arguing against.

The Conservative speaker was Mr. Brendan Bracken, Minister of Information in Winston Churchill's wartime coalition government.

Speaking at Hawarden, Wales, Mr. Bracken declared:

"Britain can never recover under this dithering and feeble Socialist Government."

"We can comfort ourselves by the thought that Britain must be a very tough country to have survived more than four years of Socialist misdirection."

Strike Wave In Italy

Rome, September 4.

Telephone workers tonight called off a country-wide strike which had been fixed for tomorrow after negotiations for higher pay broke down. There are no public further talks with employers' representatives tomorrow.

Sicilian trade unions tonight announced a 13-hour general strike throughout the island on Tuesday as a protest against wage levels generally and those of metal-working trades in particular.

Bank employees in Rome and Naples are still on strike for two hours each morning and all afternoon against a decision to reduce the banks to the public for longer hours. Elsewhere in Italy banks are working to their new timetable almost normally.

—Reuter.

OEEC's Work

The Assembly turned down a proposal for the European Council to take over the Marshall Plan's European Economic Cooperation Organisation (OEEC), but adopted a clause urging governments to follow up and extend the OEEC's work in liberalising intra-European trade.

The Assemblymen adjourned in mid-afternoon until Monday morning, when the report from its General Affairs Committee will be examined, notably its recommendation for a permanent "little assembly" Steering Committee to sit throughout the year to carry on the Assembly's work.

—Associated Press and Reuter.

BEVERIDGE TO VISIT BERLIN

Berlin, September 3.

Lord Beveridge, British authority on social welfare, will visit Berlin from September 13 to 15. He will address the City Assembly and the technical University, the high school for politics and give a public lecture on new towns.

—Associated Press.

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SENATE BATTLE OVER AMERICA'S HIGH TARIFFS

Washington, September 3.

A Senate battle, to give president Truman more freedom of action in lowering trade barriers, is likely next week.

United States tariffs will be one of the subjects discussed by the British-Canadian-American delegations at the talks starting on September 7.

They will consider as a short-term measure, a simplification of customs procedure and the long-term impact of tariff barriers to exports to the United States.

President Truman would seek to remove from the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, the restrictions on his power to cut import duties on goods from abroad on a reciprocal basis.

These restrictions, notably a "peril point" clause, empowering a Tariff Commission to fix a tariff point beyond which the President could not reduce import duties without having to explain to Congress, were inserted in the Act by the Republican-dominated 80th Congress last year.

Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador to the United States, today discussed with other Commonwealth Ambassadors the progress of preparations for the Anglo-Canadian-American dollar crisis talks.

Asia Commitments

Officials described the conference as the regular fortnightly meeting of the Commonwealth ambassadors.

Sir Henry Wilson-Smith, head of the British experts' delegation laying the groundwork for the main conference, was on hand to assist the Ambassador to answer questions.

Officials would not say whether the Ambassadors had discussed the question of Britain's war debts to Commonwealth members, such as India, and the question of their converting sterling balances into dollars.

"They say there had been an increasing tendency during the last week's discussions between the financial experts of Britain, the United States and Canada for attention to be directed to Britain's financial commitment in Asia."

—Reuter.

MOSCOW VIEW OF THE CRISIS

London, September 3.

The forthcoming financial talks in Washington will concentrate on American, not British, economic troubles, Moscow radio declared today.

"The U.S.A. is preparing to take a running jump onto the back of the British Empire," a Moscow commentator said in an English-language broadcast. "The Washington talks are not at all connected with Britain. There are quite opposite aims."

"The focal point of the talk will not be the difficulties of the British economy, but the question of how to overcome the difficulties experienced by the American economy. Steady aggravation of the economic difficulties of the United States gives reason to believe that American pressure on Britain will continue to grow and assume more active forms."

—United Press.

TALKS ON JAVA AT HAGUE

The Hague, September 3.

At its two-hour meeting today the Steering Committee of the round-table conference between the Indonesians and the Dutch did not make a final decision on the hearing of minorities and significant interests.

A communique issued after the meeting said one of the minorities had applied to be heard at the conference.

The Steering Committee decided to ask the applicant to inform them which subjects were considered to involve their interests before it decides on this application.

On the hearing of representatives of the significant interests it was decided to form a Sub-Committee, to meet on Monday. Each delegation could appoint a representative to this Sub-Committee.

With these decisions the Steering Committee has shelved the minority problem for the time being. It is understood that at the next meeting of the Committee on Tuesday it will discuss the question of release of information to the press.

This subject was on the agenda for today's Steering Committee session, but the Committee did not get round to it. Minorities and procedure were the only matters discussed today.

The Committee granted a Republican request that Dr. J. Leimera, Chairman of the Military Committee of the Republican delegation, be included in the Steering Committee in the place of Mr. A. K. Pringgodjo, who will be adviser-secretary.

—Reuter.

NEW PARTY IN PHILIPPINES

Manila, September 3. A new political body called the Citizens Party, was formally launched this afternoon at the Government-owned Manila Hotel with a banquet.

The founder and president of the organisation is Senator Lorenzo M. Tanada, leader of Manila's young political liberals, who in his speech denounced the utter "bankruptcy" of the present political organisations. Delegates from all over the country, numbering about 400, attended the affair.

—Reuter.

CHINA ENVOYS TO LEAVE

Shanghai, September 3.

The Brazilian Ambassador to China, Gastao P. Torio Branco, and the Argentine Ambassador, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, and their consuls have applied to the local authorities for exit visas.

They will leave shortly after closing their Embassies and Consulates.

—United Press.

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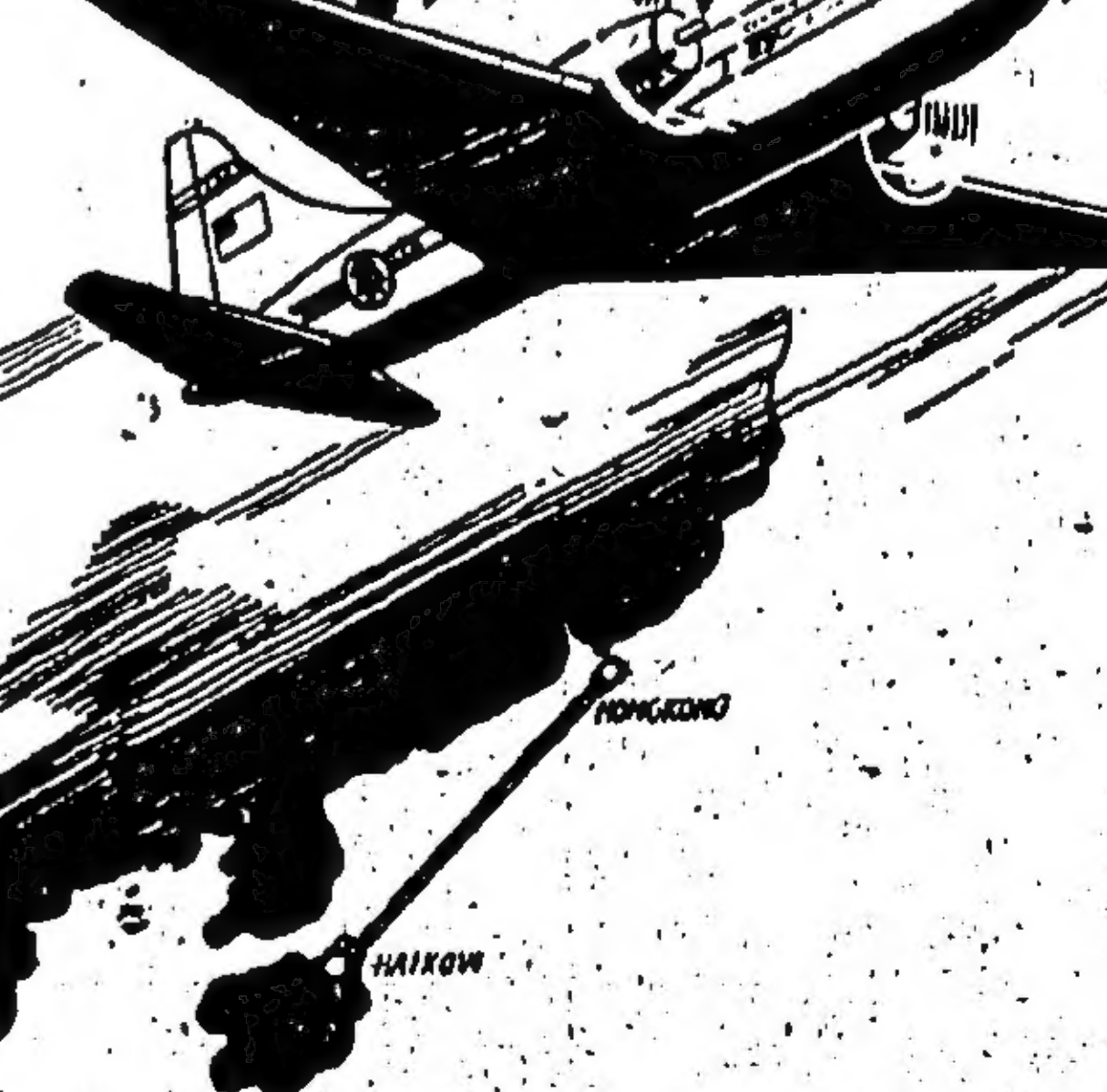
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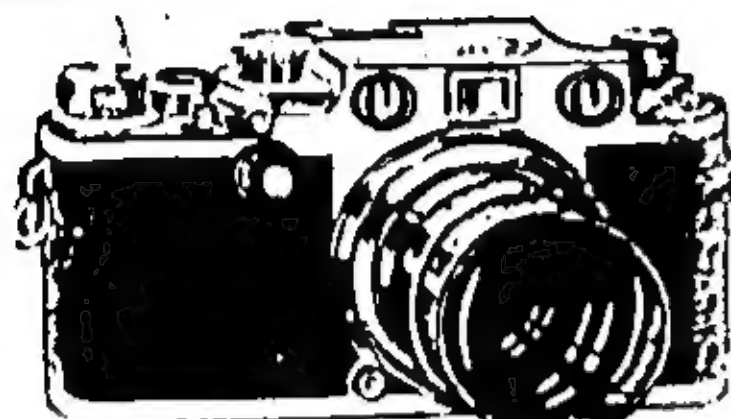


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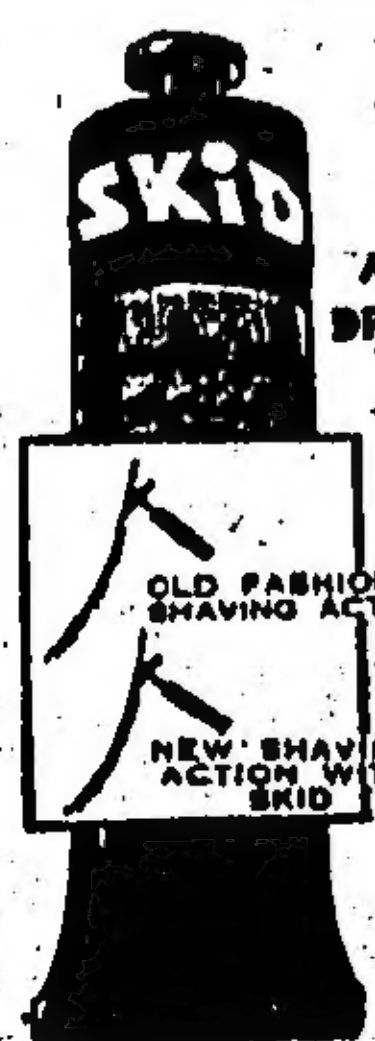
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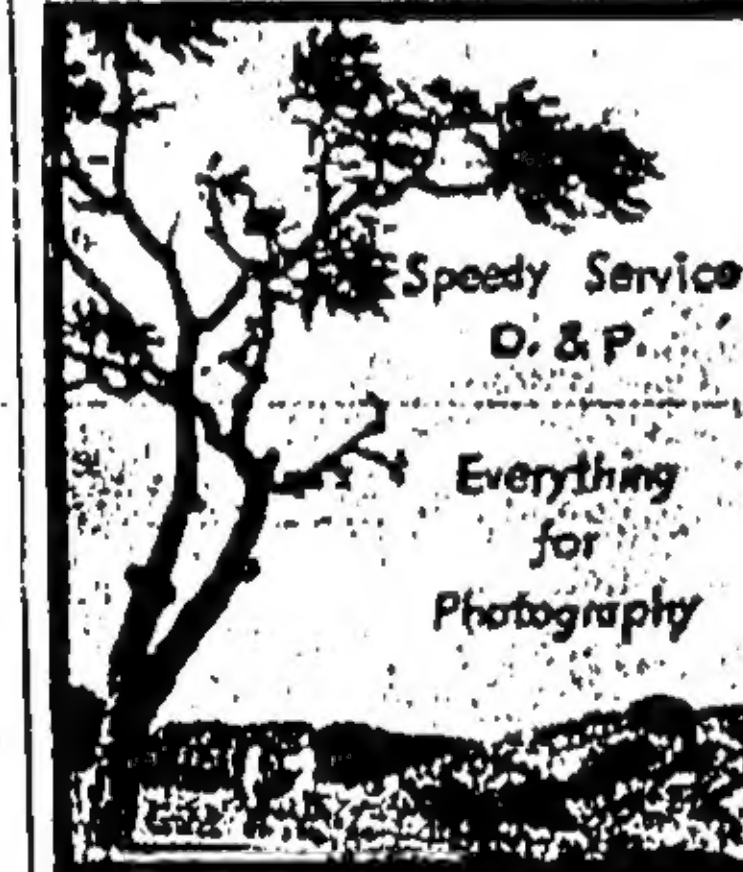
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Lightening Of Tension Over Yugoslavia?

Belgrade, September 3.

The Yugoslav propaganda counter-attack against the Soviet Union and Cominform appears to be abating.

The daily anti-Cominform column in "Borba," the official Yugoslav newspaper, has failed to appear for several days and observers think that this may indicate a lightening of the tension in Yugoslav-Soviet relations.

ANOTHER AMERICAN BONER?

New York, September 3.

A Scripps Howard editorial

headed "Another Boner," said today:

"Hard on the heels of its blunders in China, the State Department has placed the United States squarely in the middle between the rival States of India and Pakistan."

Remarkably, that the United States had been trying for almost a year to bring about a truce agreement between India and Pakistan in their dispute over Kashmir, the editorial said.

"The State Department must have been fully aware of this situation. Yet it has walked so right into the middle of a red-hot controversy by pledging support to India for one of the three temporary seats on the United Nations Security Council."

"Since the Security Council is the agency handling the Kashmir case, Pakistan naturally feels its interests jeopardized by American support of India's candidacy. Yet if our support is withdrawn from India, that highly sensitive State may be deeply offended."

"All this embarrassment could have been avoided if we had withheld our Security Council commitments for next year until the Kashmir dispute has been settled."

In another editorial discussing the European Assembly members' disagreement over methods to strengthen their economy, the newspaper commented: "Obviously until our friends in Europe can settle these matters among themselves they are limiting the ability of the United States to contribute to their collective security."—United Press.

Meanwhile, protest meetings against Russian "interference in Yugoslavia's internal affairs" are being staged all over the country, according to "Borba."

It has published a number of telegrams from workers expressing their loyalty to Marshal Tito and their readiness to defend the country against attack.

Yugoslavia today branded as "guesswork" a report quoting official Yugoslav sources as saying that Marshal Tito's Government is considering the possibility of a Russian invasion.

"On the second of this month, the United Press printed news from official Yugoslav sources to the effect that the Yugoslav Government is considering the possibility of an invasion of Yugoslavia by Russian troops."

"It is officially stated that this news to the effect that Yugoslav official circles made such statements, is an ordinary fabrication and arbitrary guesswork of the correspondent of the United Press in Belgrade."

Moscow Prediction

The Ministry also denied a Voice of America broadcast that the Yugoslav Government has "registered a complaint with the International Danube Commission about the presence of an armed Soviet ship on the Danube River last month. It is officially announced that the news about this complaint is untrue."

In Moscow, "Pavda" predicted that Marshal Tito's Yugoslav regime will soon be swept away.

The paper devoted a full page to news of Marshal Tito, including three columns of quotations from foreign press comments.

A Tass telegram from Rome reported that many foreign observers, particularly the French, consider the political downfall of the Tito regime close.

Another article asserted that the Italian anti-Communist leader, Signor Giuseppe Saragat, is allied with Marshal Tito.

Albania "Ready"

Albanian General Hadji Leqhi was quoted by an Italian news agency today as saying that the Army was strong and ready to defend Albania against aggression by Greece or Yugoslavia.

The news agency, Astra, said in a Trieste despatch that the General made his declaration during a visit to villages near the Greek frontier on a tour of inspection.

Reuter and Associated Press.

He said the American Navy is renewing relations with the Spanish Navy with intentions of adding Spanish ports to its calling.

Admiral Conolly is to visit Madrid after the ships leave on September 8 and give a reception for Spanish authorities.

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WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IN AN INVASION OF JAPAN Kamikaze Planes' Starring Role

Tokyo, September 3.

The former wartime Chief of Staff for the Japanese air forces on Kyushu says there was no question of an ultimate United States Victory but America would have had to pay the greatest of casualties had a landing been attempted on the Japanese mainland.

Former General Takashi Aoki, writing a special article for the "Stars and Stripes" on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of Japan's surrender, said the suicide Kamikaze planes were to play the starring role in the last ditch defense.

As Chief of Staff for the Japanese air force on Kyushu, he said, he had charge of a key command because it was generally thought the Americans might first attack the South Western tip of Japan.

General Aoki said all the efforts of the Japanese army, navy and air force were to be concentrated on hitting the Kamikaze Corps, "our important last resort." He himself had converted his own plane to be used in a final Kamikaze attack.

The Japanese air force had many well-prepared bases set up

close to any of the spots which the Americans might pick as landing bases and crucial points.

Hidden in crucial places, Kamikaze planes would have taken off and crashed without missing into the American aircraft carriers, General Aoki said.

Rocket Kamikaze

He added: "We figured that in the heat of landing operations the vessels might come close to shore and this was the moment our Kamikaze pilots were waiting for especially if the invaders had lost their well-balanced covering forces."

The Japanese had plans for hundreds of specially trained Kamikaze fliers to make a night attack on the invaders, he said.

General Aoki said the Japanese had another weapon—a rocket Kamikaze glider on which they counted a great deal.

He explained that a large "mother" plane would carry up a "baby" rocket glider which would be released from a certain altitude.

The front part of the glider consisted of a 1,700-lb bomb. The pilot lay in the rear end of the glider, his back protected by steel.

"We estimated that one of these gliders diving into a light cruiser could blow it up while three of them could demolish a battleship," he said.

General Aoki said that the Japanese navy having been destroyed then by the Americans, the Japanese were depending on a number of one-man powered torpedoes and motorboats filled with explosives to do a similar job on the sea as the Kamikaze would do in the air.

These torpedoes were built long enough to each accommodate a man who could lie down and navigate it.

The periscope, attached about the centre of the machine, enabled the man inside to keep a bearing on his target so he could

direct the lethal weapon against a "juicy target such as a big battleship."

General Aoki said that in contrast to America, war materials were so scarce in Japan that to make every bullet count the Japanese command had to disregard human lives.—United Press.

Supremacy Of Jet Fighters

Bonn, September 3.

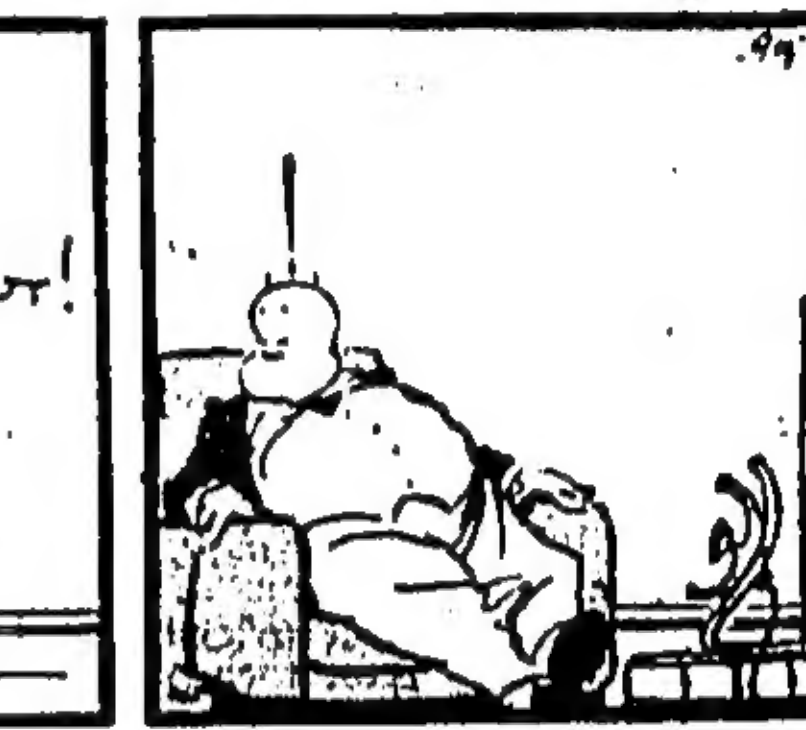
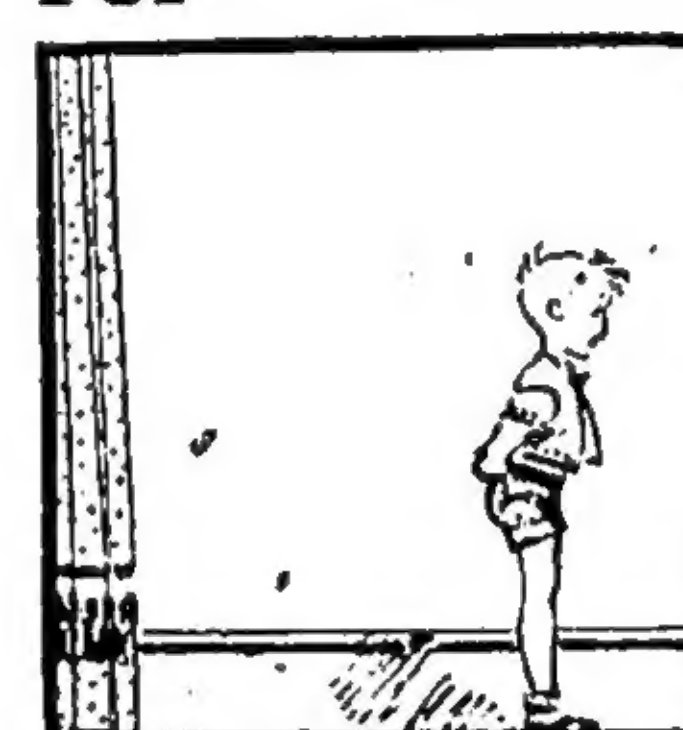
Professor Willy Messerschmitt, the German aircraft designer, said in Bonn today that the new U. S. B-36 super bomber can easily be shot down by a modern jet fighter.

"The new jets can shoot any bomber out of the sky," he declared.

With plane building barred in post-war Germany, Messerschmitt now builds prefabricated houses. He came to Bonn to negotiate a contract for building several hundred homes in the overcrowded West German capital.

Asked about aviation progress in Russia, Messerschmitt replied: "I do not know. But I do know that many of my best constructors and engineers are now in the Soviet Union."—Associated Press.

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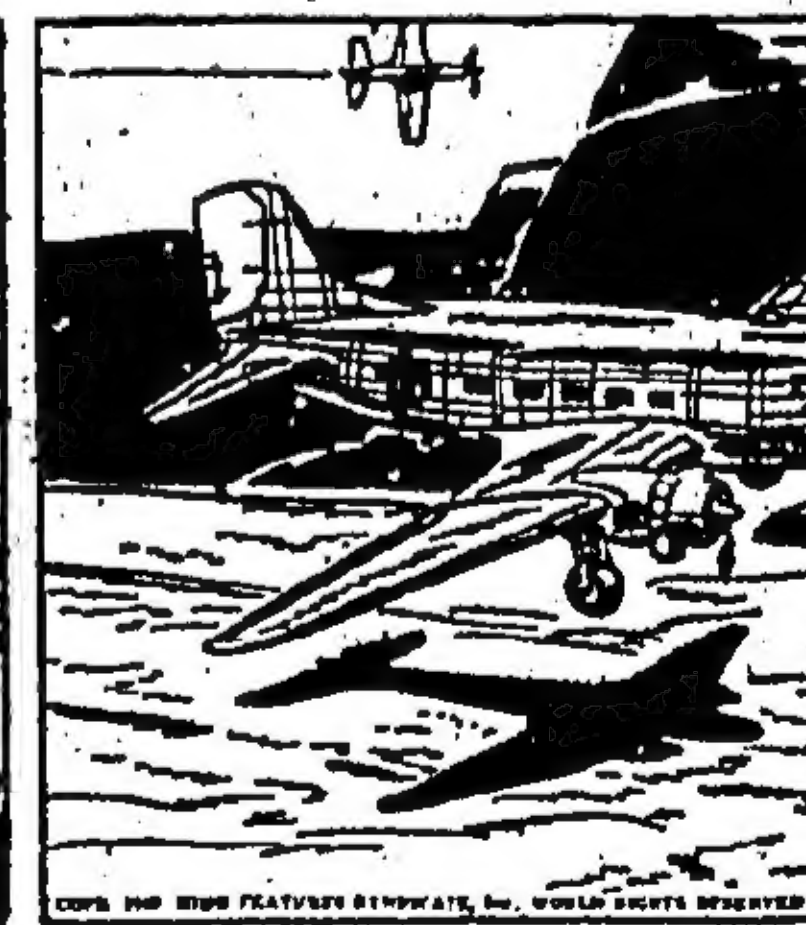
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AMERICAN BUSINESS MOOD OF OPTIMISM

New York, September 3.

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STEEL OUTPUT

Steel mill operations were the highest since early June at 86.3 per cent of capacity. This compared with 84.8 per cent in the preceding week and with 95.2 a year ago.

Before our output slipped a notch or two due to a short work week in some General Motors plants which allowed an early start on the Labour Day week-end.

Engineering construction and home building continued to make an excellent showing. The authorisation of the first big batch of public housing at Washington placed a powerful prop under this thriving industry this week.

Other industrial barometers were steady to higher. Soft coal output was even with the previous week, freight railroads edged a little higher but were far under last year, crude oil output was only slightly changed from either period and electric power production showed a small drop from either period and drop from the preceding weeks.

Associated Press.

TENSION HIGH

As the nation made ready to observe Monday as a national holiday in tribute to labour, tension is high on all sides. The largest industries and biggest labour unions in the country are awaiting a showdown over a fourth round of wage increases and a variety of special benefits for workers.

The first signal for specific action is expected to be the report of the fact finding panel appointed by the President to examine the controversy between the Steel Workers' Union and major companies that make up that industry.

While strike talk was soft peddled, some well-informed corporation executives and high-ranking union leaders said privately they feared the two sides were so far apart on basic questions it would be difficult to bring them together without some show of force.

Notice To Consignees M.V. "CALCHAS"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on September 5 and 6, 1940, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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"PIONEER BAY"	Sept. 13	
"PIONEER DALE"	Sept. 18	
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"PIONEER DALE"	Oct. 15	Oct. 18

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APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

Anney, September 3.

Colombia has withdrawn her application to accede to the 1947 Geneva agreement on tariffs and trade (GATT), because of negotiation difficulties with the United States.

The 23 signatories to GATT have just ended four months of negotiations here, both with each other and with 11 acceding nations of which Colombia was one.

The nations concerned are India, Brazil, Britain, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

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Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3		
Closing Times by Air	Closing Times by Air	Closing Times by Air
Almail for Manila, USA and Canada (Reg.) 1.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.	Almail for Taipei; Almail for Hong Kong (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.	Almail for Swatow and Amoy; Almail for Luchow and Kowloon; Almail for Chungking and Chongqing (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Almail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Baku, Cairo (Hafsa), Bombay, Dacca, Balaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Ceylon, Rome and London. Kowloon CPO (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.	Almail for Singapore, Surabaya, Sydney and Auckland (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.	Almail for Japan (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea	Closing Times by Sea	Closing Times by Sea
Holbow, Pakhoi via Holbow and Straits (Reg.) 5 p.m.	Amoy, 10 a.m.	Japan, 2 p.m.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.		

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4		
Almail for Swatow; Almail for Kowloon (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.	Almail for Taipei; Almail for Hong Kong; Almail for Amoy (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.	Almail for Manila, Hong Kong, USA and Canada (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Air Parcel Post for Manila, Hong Kong and USA (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.	Ordinary Almail (printed matters, samples and small packet post) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.	Almail for Bangkok (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea	Closing Times by Sea	Closing Times by Sea
Canada via Vancouver, H.C. (Par. and Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.	Straits, Ceylon, Madagascar, Mauritius, Aden, Egypt and United Kingdom via London (Par.) 11 a.m. (Reg.) 12.30 p.m. (Ord.) 1 p.m.	Manila, 3 p.m.
Rangoon and Calcutta, 3 p.m.	Korea (via Inchon), 3 p.m.	Swatow, 4 p.m.

U.S. HOLIDAY

New York, September 3.

Financial and commodity exchanges throughout the United States and Canada will be closed on September 5.—Labour Day.

Financial markets in England will operate as usual.—Associated Press.

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OUTWARDS	LEAVES LONDON	DUE HONGKONG
m.s. "CANTON"	Sailed	25th Sept.
m.s. "CARTHAGE"	22nd Sept.	25th Oct.
m.s. "CORFU"	20th October	21st Nov.

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

HOMEWARDS	LEAVES HONGKONG	DUE LONDON
m.s. "CANTON"	30th September	31st October
m.s. "CARTHAGE"	21st October	25th November
m.s. "CORFU"	25th November	28th December
m.s. "CANTON"	21st December	23rd January

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

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JAVA PORTS and MACASSAR

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIBADAK" 15th Sept.	In Port
"TJISADANE" 20th Sept.	16th Sept.
"TJITALENGKA" 13th Oct.	30th Sept.

MANILA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TASMAN" 6th Sept.	12th Sept.
"TJIBADAK" 8th Sept.	14th Sept.
"TJIBADAK" 15th Sept.	
"TJIPONDOK" 17th Sept.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA" 7th Oct.	
"BOISSEvain" 5th Nov.	23rd Sept.
"STRAAT SOENDA" 30th Nov.	18th Oct.

no passenger accommodation.

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"VAN HEUTS" 21st Sept.	12th Sept.
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" 7th Oct.	29th Sept.

EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIPONDOK" 17th Sept.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA" 7th Oct.	
"BOISSEvain" 5th Nov.	23rd Sept.
"STRAAT SOENDA" 30th Nov.	18th Oct.

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"STRAAT MALAKKA" 5th Sept.	14th Sept.
"TJIPONDOK" 23rd Sept.	
"BOISSEvain" 20th Oct.	29th Oct.

* no passenger accommodation.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIJNKERK" 8th Sept.	7th Sept.
"MARIEKERK" 2nd Oct.	21st Sept.
"MOLEKERK" End Oct.	Early Oct.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"MARIEKERK" End Sept.	End Sept.

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HONG KONG WATERFRONT

BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER

In My Log

Visiting the pirates

One day during the week we lost ourselves in the rural wilderness of the New Territories, visiting two infamous places along the Coast—Mrs Bay and Deep Bay—once the lairs of pirates, terrorising river shipping and the NT villages. But we did not meet any of the sea rovers.

In fact, they seem to exist no more as was apparent by the serene and prosperous outlook of the NT folks.

Crime is now a thing of the past!

(Thanks, of course, to our Frontier Police Force.)

Opinions that the pirates are resting on their laurels and thriving on their past loot are questionable.

(The Pearl River Delta pirates were reinforced considerably not long ago. And they often say birds of the same feather flock together.)

A Thrill

The frontier road leading to Mui Bay is nerve-racking. We had our full share of the thrills we looked for when driving on this rugged highway, built by the Japanese during the last war.

There were times when we peeped out of the car window only to see a black, hairy, green-skinned, (Only a footprint of grass bank separates the edge of the precipice and the road.)

Then there were times when our car severely scraped the granite of the hillside as we snaked through narrow valleys.

And that sneaking fear of being ambushed in the desolate hills.

To climax the day's thrill, the night drive for town saw us subconsciously crossing fingers—lest we spook out of the ominous darkness safely. (Never did we appreciate so much the glittering lights of the city that night as we spiralled down Tai Po Road.)

Russian shipping failure

The Soviet Merchant Navy has apparently failed in its attempt to become a leading competitor in world merchant shipping after the war.

According to the American Merchant Marine Institute, the Soviet fleet is less a factor in world shipping now than it was before the war, in spite of the acquisition of German ships and the retention of American lend-lease ships.

Only 34 of the 127 vessels transferred to Russia under lend-lease had been returned.

In 1947, Russia announced a five-year plan to double the pre-war Soviet merchant fleet of 1,600,000 tons.

January this year saw only 423 of 1,788,000 tons, and that half of them at least 20 years old.

Moreover, Russian cargo vessels do not maintain regular service. Only a few trade outside Russian waters.

(There are three today in local waters—Alyoska, Alden and Azov. Two are in Kowloon Dock undergoing overhauling.)

Regular Service to Manila

A 10-day regular sailing, between Hong Kong and Manila has been started by the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company.

Two ships are operating on this new run—Po Hai and Nan Hai.

Both vessels are classified as "100A" by Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

The Union Jack

Foreign seamen in port have a pet quarrel after visiting the newly-opened Merchant Navy Club and Sports Ground.

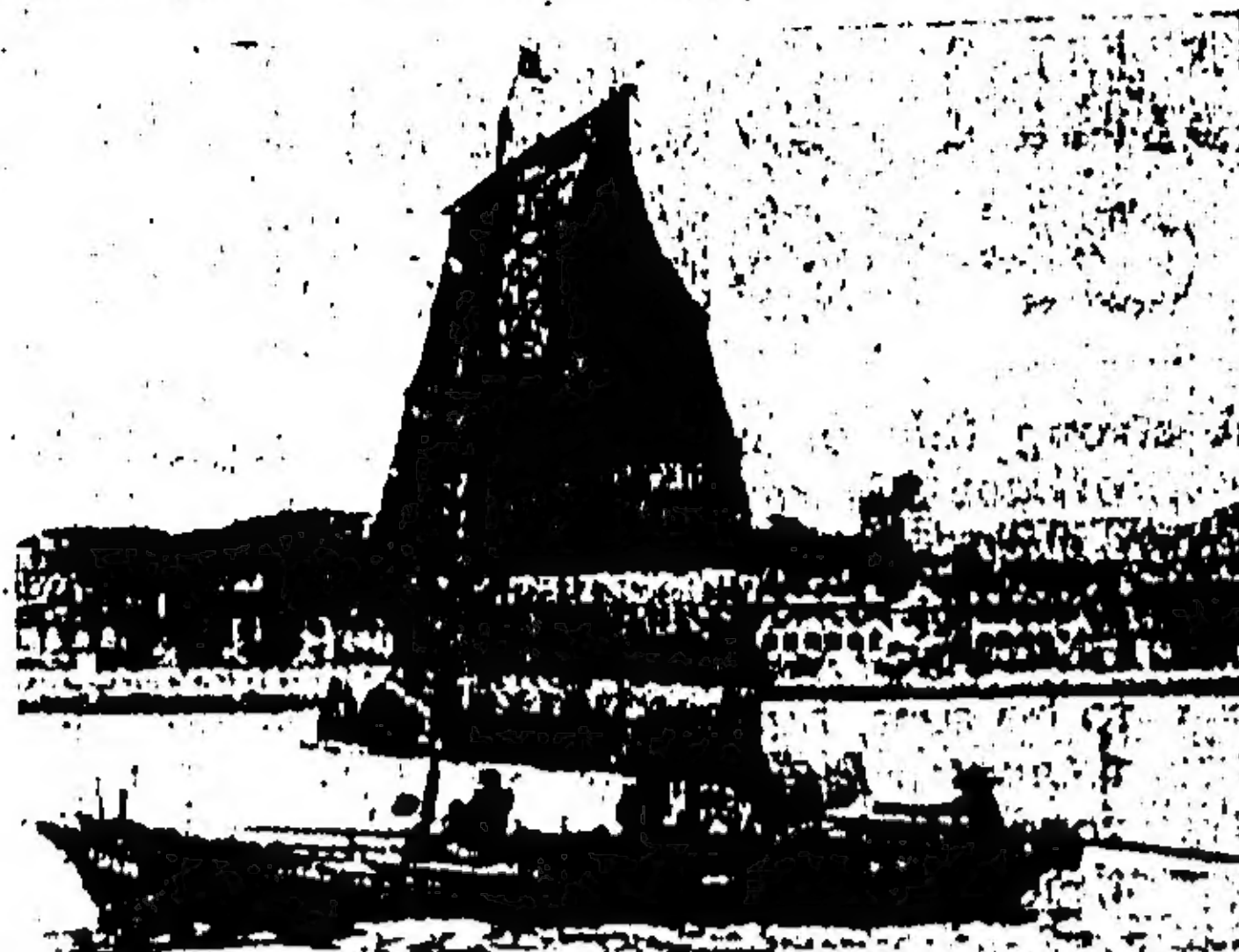
And they mean the Union Jack fluttering over the Club house.

"We feel like sub-tenants when we are there," said a group of Americans.

"It would be better if they put up all flags of the nations whose ships call here regularly," another suggested. Or, better, no national flag at all but design one common emblem, he added.

(The MNC is open to all seamen of any nationality who visit the Colony. It is, in the words of the Governor, who officially opened it during the week, "the Club of all seamen, their very own Club.")

No comments from British seamen!



This is a Sampan Tien—commonly known as the rickshaw of the harbour—under way off the Yau Ma Tei Pier. The boat is loaded with baggage. She is manned by three women of the same family. The covering towards the stern is the only shelter from the elements. ("China Mail" Photo).

(Editor's Note—This is the sixth of a series of pictorial features to acquaint the general public with the numerous types of small native craft operating in local waters and their varied usages.)

Through the courtesy of the Marine Department, it has been possible to identify the craft individually and obtain the necessary particulars.)

The Rickshaw Of HK's Harbour

Built on the lines of European sailing yachts that first made their appearance in local waters several decades ago, the "Sampan Tien," popularly known as the rickshaw of the harbour, is a familiar sight between Kowloon and the Island.

This type of sailing craft was the cheapest and favourite means of transportation, before the advent of the "walla walla" or water taxi, for personnel of ships moored midstream.

The sampan tien was also commonly used by stevedores to convey ships' stores.

Operating in all parts of the Harbour today—usually busy ferrying passengers and baggage from ships to shore—this craft is doing an important part in helping to relieve the pressure on local water transportation, which is heavily taxed nowadays with the influx of thousands of people.

The Harbour pilots utilise the sampan tien for their work in guiding ships in and out of port. She is the ideal craft because of her speed and manoeuvrability.

The sampan tien has a strong streamlined hull and with fair winds can sail within 15 minutes from one Star Ferry wharf to the other.

Easily distinguished by the "H" flag or sign painted on the bow, the craft normally lies alongside the Praya (opposite Wang Koo Company) or rides at anchor off Lyemian Pass waiting for the arrival of ocean-going ships.

A characteristic of the sampan tien is her hull which is shaped on lines similar to that of a European yacht, with the exception that she has no yacht keel but has a deeper rudder to offset this defect.

A new sampan tien with complete operational equipment at present estimates will cost approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000. The hull is made of light wood, while the sail is of light canvas or cloth material with durable flexibility. This type of material is necessary because the speed of the craft is controlled by adjusting the sails, which are lowered and raised frequently.

The average sampan tien measures 20 feet with a beam of seven feet at the widest part of the deck. She has a carrying capacity of 130 piculs. To man the vessel an efficient crew of four is needed.

There are about 250 sampan tians operating in Hong Kong. Generally, a family resides aboard. It is common, too, to see two or three women operating the vessel.

British Shipping On The Increase

Marked increase in British shipping operations in August—11,886 more tons of cargo were discharged and 15,531 more passengers disembarked from British vessels than in July.

On the whole, newly-issued August statistics revealed, 79,705 people arrived in 734 ships (1,082,687 N.R. tons) with 301,123 tons of cargo, comparing favourably with July (69,000 passengers and 291,864 tons of cargo).

The number of people leaving the Colony increased by 12,341 last month—83,709 left in 264 ships (427,269 N.R. tons) that cleared port.

In the way of bunker, August departures filled in 9,855 tons of coal and 23,953 drums of oil. Against July supplies they increased by 1,430 tons and 4,800 drums.

Arrivals flying the Red Ensign totalled 267, (448,797 N.R. tons) bringing in 43,887 passengers and 153,776 tons of cargo. Of these 130 (370,610 N.R. tons) tons ocean-going, which disembarked 18,542 people and discharged 149,051 tons of cargo.

Fourteen British ships entered port in ballast, 13 left likewise. Just saw 264 clearances for British ships, which left with 5,169 tons of cargo.

Chinese shipping maintained its level of 320 ships (201,024 N.R. tons) arriving with 20,050 passengers and 38,099 tons of cargo. And 323 vessels (199,941 N.R. tons) leaving port with 34,322 people and 33,387 tons of cargo.

Chinese river shipping, totalling 231 (79,448 N.R. tons) only brought in 4,120 tons of cargo but had 22,119 passengers. Those clearing port—234 of 82,049 N.R. tons—had aboard 5,611 tons of cargo and 29,841 persons.

Entering local waters in ballast were 84 ships, while only 19 left likewise.

Thirty-nine American ships (186,994 N.R. tons) visited Hong Kong in August bringing 30,420 tons of cargo and 628 passengers.

Clearances issued totalled 30. Aggregating 157,610 N.R. tons, these ships left with 1,025 passengers and 6,828 tons of cargo. They were supplied with only 120 drums of bunker oil.

Five American vessels arrived empty and eight cleared without cargo or passengers.

Next on the list were Norwegian ships—30 of 63,122 N.R. tons arriving with 23,526 tons of cargo and 3,798 passengers.

Twenty-nine Norwegian ships (60,184 N.R. tons) left with 12,346 tons of cargo and 3,961 persons aboard. They filled in 810 tons of coal and 1,457 drums of oil. Only one came in ballast.

Seven left empty. Above the 17 Danish ships (55,149 N.R. tons) that called here were 10,244 tons of cargo and 180 passengers. There were five more departures—22 of 82,805 N.R. tons, all of which brought 722 persons and 8,101 tons of cargo.

One left without cargo or passengers while six reached port likewise.

From Dutch ships (15 in all) of 70,232 N.R. tons) 2,280 passengers and 1,775 tons of cargo were landed here in August.

The 11 ships (6,030 N.R. tons) that cleared port had 4,070 passengers and 1,437 tons of cargo.

The arrivals were 18 ships.

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Who's Who

Business between Hong Kong and Japan is fast increasing, thanks to the frequent contact with North China ports by local ships.

So says Mr. Oliver Zi-Hau Hsueh-ye to his Chinese friends Chairman of the Board of Directors of the China Merchants Navigation Steamship Company, the largest shipping organisation in China.

"Japanese merchants are looking forward eagerly to resume trade with the southern ports, especially Hong Kong, which is at present supplying them with Manchurian products (which they themselves cannot obtain directly)," Mr. Zi said. He returned from Japan recently after spending three weeks inspecting the CMNS branch office and presenting Japanese conditions.

Many ships have brought down North China cargo. This is being re-shipped to Japanese ports by foreign ships.

"But none of our ships is involved in this category of business," Mr. Zi declared.

A "Diploma Engineer" of the Berlin Technical University (1929), Mr. Zi was formerly Commissioner to Reconstruction of the Fukien Provincial Government, Director of the Shanghai Tele-

phone Administration before the Sino-Japanese war and Director of Highway Administration of the Chekiang Government.

Mr. Zi often flies to visit the branches of CMNS abroad.

"I am flying to India shortly to organise the opening of our branch there," he said yesterday.

(A new branch will also be opened in South Korea in the near future.)

Mr. Zi asserts that Hong Kong is not suitable for CMNS operation. "Our main base is Taiwan where our Head Office is at present," he said.

Only one or two ships call here in transit.

Giving his impressions of Japan, which he often visits, Mr. Zi said he saw two different Japans on his last two visits.

"When I was there in July last year, Japan was a gloomy nation. Many factories were idle. Japanese shipping was stagnant. And the people looked desperate."

He declared, Japan was in a state of isolation.

"But I saw a new Japan when I arrived there last month. 'Over-production has become the main headache of the merchants. Many factories are producing too much. Japan cannot find overseas markets because of the prevailing lower purchasing power of the world markets.'

Japan is gradually rehabilitating her shipbuilding industry. "SCAP has already approved a programme to produce 250,000 gross tons for 1944 to be completed by September, 1950. The merchants originally applied for 470,000 gross tons," Mr. Zi revealed.

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